

The Gila monster is not a native of the desert. He is found in New Mexico and Arizona and only finds his way here when captured and brought by a person. Two have recently found a new home at the cactus garden just south of the village, where they are confined in a stout cage at the rear of the display room. If you have never had the opportunity of inspecting the Gila monster at close range, it will be worth your while to see this large member of the lizard group. It is venomous, the poison glands being located in the lower jaw, the reverse position of those of rattlesnakes.

Saguaro cactus is also not a native of this locality, though many have been transported from New Mexico. It is in blossom now, the white flowers standing out in contrast with the green trunk. There seems to be a check and balance system employed by nature during the distribution of the individual characteristics that bring attractiveness to the various species; the saguaro is tall, large, stately, but the blossom is rather insignificant compared with the bulk of the plant, while the beavertail is small, inconspicuous, but possesses a blossom that is outstanding. This method of leveling down seems to be quite generally used throughout the animal and vegetable kingdoms; undoubtedly fair and possibly necessary.

We had planned a trip to Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake but Sunday morning the weather was such that the trip was postponed and Keys' View became the objective; a fortunate change of plans for we would probably have not made another trip into that vicinity, this season. The floral display is steadily moving to higher elevations; it is just beginning to leave Morongo Valley; is past the height in Lost Horse Valley and soon only the desert bushes that blossom late will be all until next spring.

The Bladder Bush (*Salazaria mexicana*) catches the eye immediately; the twigs are covered with small tan or pink bladder-like decorations that are a distinct surprise the first time a visitor sees this bush and a mild surprise thereafter. It is one of the unique sights of the desert. The bush itself is quite distinctive in that it is the only known species of the genus *Salazaria*. It was discovered many years ago when the international boundary survey between Mexico and the United States was being made. The genus name, *Salazaria*, commemorates the name of Don Jose Salazar, the Mexican Commissioner of the survey.

The tiny balloons, adorning the almost bare twigs, are formed by the calyx, which is small and round during the flower stage but enlarges after the flower stage until it becomes the striking thing about this bush. The flowers are showy, of white and purple, but the bush is remembered by the multitudes of tiny tan or pinkish balloons clinging to the branches.

Lost Horse Valley is a structural feature, much deeper and more sharply defined, before filled to its present level by the particles of decomposed granite washed from the surrounding mountains. Granite is thought of as an enduring rock but as a matter of fact the crystalline structure is often such as to allow for rapid disintegration. It is this rapid weathering of the granite in Lost Horse Valley and vicinity that has formed the curious shapes one can see in the rocky protuberances.

Keys View is a mile above the floor of the desert; looking out and down from there one can see the huge structural trough, hemmed in by high mountains that shut off the rain clouds, imprison the heat, thus forming the desert. From this high point one would not believe that comfort, luxury, and much activity existed near the desert side of San Jacinto. We looked out over the valley, studied the location of landmarks; but I am afraid without the seriousness of the early explorers who had to cross that desert, in the face of dangers that claimed the lives of many; in order to accomplish the same feat we merely stepped into a car, followed a well defined road, listened at times to the radio, and in two hours were in Palm Springs. Means and vehicles of transportation have changed.

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MOORE, EARL AND JACKSON WINNERS OF GOLF TOURNNEY

Dinty Moore won the Prescott T. Stevens Cup at the golf tournament Saturday and Sunday. His net score was 142.

Jarvis Earl was second, with a net score of 145, and Babe Jackson, third; net 147.

The golf tournament, an annual event at the Desert Golf Course, and sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is chiefly for local players.

Moore made the round of nine holes Sunday in 78, after a handicap round on Saturday of 84. The handicap round in each case was included in the total score, thus it was to the interest of each player to make the best possible score in the qualifying round, even though his handicap was based on that score.

Following is the score of participants in the tournament. The first column is the qualifying round of nine holes, and the handicap based on that score is one-half the figure in the last column. An example: Jarvis Earl, who won second place, made a score of 87 for the first nine holes, and was consequently given a handicap of 15. When his score for the qualifying and final rounds were computed, 87 and 88, total 175; 30 (the handicap for 18 holes) was deducted, leaving 145 net.

	First Round	Second Round	Handicap
H. Dorsett	92	90	28
B. Jackson	85	82	20
Joe Gravelle	88	86	24
Arch Palmer	100	99	40
Dinty Moore	84	78	20
Al Gardiner	93	90	30
Ray Murray	98	88	30
Earle Strebe	98	90	38
E. Page	93	86	30
Louis Dugat	96	87	32
Claude Gottbeht	103	109	48
Jarvis Earl	87	88	30

CCC OR PWA TO BUILD NEW SKY LINE TRAIL TO S. J. PEAK

Ed Nelander, deputy state forester, has announced that a CCC or PWA camp, with 50 men, will be located on the Sky Line Trail on October 1st. The men will build a fine trail, of easy grade, from the desert to San Jacinto peak. The chief purpose of the trail is fire protection for the mountain area, but the trail will also be utilized by hikers and riders who wish to make the interesting trip from the tropical setting in Palm Springs, to the ice and snow of San Jacinto peak.

DESERT INN DINNER DANCE AGAIN SATURDAY EVENING

The Desert Inn will present the last dinner dance of the season this Saturday night. As usual, dinner will be served between 6:00 and 9:00 p. m., and dancing will be enjoyed from 7:00 to 11:00.

The Barcelonians, a ten-piece orchestra from Los Angeles, will play for the dance. A large crowd of locals are expected to attend this final affair of the popular series.

Mrs. A. H. Maegley of Portland, Ore., guest at the Del Tahquitz for the past few winters, received a telegram last week stating that she had been two first prizes, one second, and an honorable mention for her five kinds of tulips entered in the Portland flower show.

Word has been received from Mrs. Frank Goff, from Atlanta, Georgia. Accompanied by her sons, Dawson and Charles, she is touring the country. Mrs. Goff reported that the weather has been delightful, but that they encountered some rain.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Sutherland are leaving Palm Springs May 20 to spend the summer in Los Angeles and San Diego. Mrs. Emma Jarmin and Miss Jane Jarmin, of Los Angeles, were week-end house guests at the home of the Sutherlands.

Walter H. Worden, local jeweler, will leave for Balboa next week, where he operates a jewelry store during the summer.

PLAIN FACTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED SANITARY DISTRICT

(Statement by the Committee)

For the past several years, it has been apparent to most of the residents of Palm Springs that something should be done to eliminate the unsanitary conditions existing in various portions of the village and upon the Indian reservation. While these conditions, at this time, are not dangerous, they are becoming more serious each year as the village grows, and unless something is done to remedy the situation at an early date the matter will become very serious within the next two or three years.

The only way in which sanitary conditions can be controlled satisfactorily is by the formation of a sanitary district, which district, under the law, has the power and authority to control all unsanitary conditions within the district, including not only sewage, but garbage and any other matter which in any manner could be detrimental to the health of the community.

As everyone knows, the Federal government is intending to expend a large amount of funds during the next year or two for many purposes among which the correction of sanitary conditions is at the head of the list. The county of Riverside has been studying for the past several weeks the things within said county for which they are desirous of asking funds and the installation of a sewer system in Palm Springs heads the list in Riverside county; that is the reason for the formation of the Palm Springs Sanitary District at this time. Unless such a district is formed, we cannot hope to obtain any governmental help whatever as the government must have some legal entity to deal with. Therefore, it is imperative, if we expect to obtain any Federal aid, that our sanitary district be formed at the earliest possible date.

There has been considerable agitation regarding conditions on the Indian Reservation but until we clean up our own conditions and afford the residents of the Indian Reservation a reasonable way in which they may improve their sanitary conditions, we cannot expect them to do very much toward remedying the situation now existing on the Reservation.

It is the expectation that the main lateral of our proposed sewer line leading from Palm Springs to the proposed sewer disposal situation will be made available to the residents of the Indian Reservation, and having afforded them a way in which to correct the conditions existing on the Reservation, we can, with propriety, insist upon their taking action.

It has been stated, upon several occasions, that only certain areas of Palm Springs are in need of improvement in sanitary conditions and furthermore, that the proposed sewer system is for the benefit of the larger property owners and business interests, which is supposed to apply to the larger hotels within the community.

As a matter of fact, most of the hotels, including the Desert Inn, El Mirador, the Oasis and others, have taken care of their sanitary conditions in a proper manner and insofar as they are concerned are not in need of any additional system whatsoever, as their present arrangements are adequate for a number of years to come. Their interest in this matter is for the benefit of the village as a whole, for, as every thinking person will readily realize, we must not allow unsanitary and dangerous conditions to exist in any part of the village, as they would affect all of the residents of the village, regardless of where they reside. The three hotels above named will be required to pay approximately 20 percent of the cost of the system, even though they are themselves not in need of the same.

Those residents who have children attending the schools or the picture shows, or who purchase their groceries in the business area of the village, going to the postoffice or the drug stores, are all susceptible to the danger from the continuation of the unsanitary conditions.

The care of the garbage in Palm Springs is an important matter; the

way in which your next door neighbor must live is of interest to you, particularly with regard to sanitary matters. An unsanitary condition existing within half a mile of your home may be detrimental to your health, therefore, everyone residing in the village of Palm Springs is interested in this very vital matter.

In the notice sent to you of the hearing of the petition by the county clerk, it is stated that the total cost of the project, as per the engineer's maps, is \$102,448.26, and that your property is subject to assessments or taxes at the rate of \$9.15 per \$100.00 value. If you do not analyze this statement, it, of course, looks as though it is beyond reason. However, even assuming that the project was going to cost the amount above stated, it must be realized that it is going to be paid for over a period of 40 years, and allowing for the redemption of the bonds and interest over the whole period, the total assessment for the 40 year period would be \$18.30 per \$100.00 assessed value, or 46c per \$100 per year which would make on a thousand dollar assessment the total sum of \$4.60 per year or \$23.00 per year on a five thousand dollar assessment. As is well known to those who have kept informed on this matter, it never was and never has been the intention of the persons or interests proposing the formation of the district to expend any such amount of the district's funds for a sewer system.

At a meeting held some several weeks ago to which all those interested were invited, the representatives of the SERA stated that the Federal government would undoubtedly be willing to pay for all of the labor involved in building the system with the possible exception of superintendents' and engineers' fees. The estimated cost of the materials of the system is approximately \$25,000.00 to which should be added approximately another \$10,000.00, which will be required, should it be finally decided to put in a modern up-to-date disposal plant. Therefore, if we obtain all of the labor from the government without cost and it is necessary for the district to buy actual materials, the total cost to the district would not exceed approximately \$35,000.00. In addition to the promise of labor, however, we also have the possibility of obtaining funds for the payment of the materials to the extent of 30 percent of the cost thereof, although this is not at the present time a certainty. Everyone realizes that in performing work under the rules and regulations of the SERA, which is usually done without the use of labor saving devices, it is considerably more expensive than having the work done by modern labor saving machinery. However, one of the purposes of the government in assisting such projects as this, is to create employment, although it may be more expensive than the same work done by machinery. Therefore in the engineer's estimate of the cost of this system, the labor cost of approximately \$35,000.00 was doubled by them to allow for the excess cost thereof. In other words our system could probably be built as outlined by the engineers, and as they have advised us, for \$60,000.00 to \$65,000.00.

In the event for any reason we should not be able to obtain government funds, it would be necessary to materially reduce the cost of the system. The undersigned pledged themselves to oppose any bond issue or indebtedness against the district in connection with this matter which will exceed the sum of \$35,000.00 regardless of whether or not government aid is available. Before any bond issue can be created against the district, it is necessary that the voters of the district approve of the same by a two-thirds vote. Therefore, with the assurance of the undersigned and many of the residents of Palm Springs that they will not sanction an indebtedness of more than \$35,000.00 against the district, everyone has assurance that the indebtedness will be kept within the above amount.

There will not be any difficulty in selling a bond issue of \$35,000.00 or

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80 MOVIE FOLK HERE TO MAKE PARAMOUNT FILM

Eighty movie folk will arrive here within the next few days to film the Paramount production, "The Last Outpost."

Charles Barton, director; Earl Hedrick, art director, and Jean Horbaste, business manager, are here now, directing the construction of the set on the desert southeast of the village.

The set consists of an Armenian and an Egyptian village, and an old fortress. Pictures will also be taken in Palm Canyon and other desert locations.

Members of the cast of 80, headed by Claude Rains, Cary Grant, Gertrude Michael, and Catherine deMille, who will have the leading parts, will be here ready for work Monday morning. The entire cast will be at the Del Tahquitz Hotel during the next 10 days or more.

The picture is based on the famous story, "Grass," the scenes being laid mostly in Armenia and Egypt.

Hicks-Baker Nuptials Next Sunday

Milton Hicks and Miss Virginia Baker are to be united in marriage Sunday afternoon, 4 o'clock, at the home of the bride in Los Angeles.

Mr. Hicks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hicks of Palm Springs. He graduated from the Palm Springs school and Banning Union High School, and attended Loyola University and Woodbury's Business School. He is employed in the office of the Palm Springs Builders Supply Company.

The wedding is the culmination of a school-days romance. Although the bride-to-be is not known here, she will be welcomed to the village by the many friends of the popular young man. After the wedding the young couple will leave on a honeymoon trip to Oregon and Washington. They will reside in apartments in the El Paseo building.

Moonlight Wedding Here Saturday Night

Miss Esther Lykken and Mr. William Seddon will be married at a moonlight wedding, at the Carl G. Lykken home, tomorrow, Saturday evening. Miss Jane Lykken, cousin of the bride, will be bridesmaid, and Walter Varney, friend of the groom, will be best man.

A most romantic setting has been chosen for the wedding, in the bright desert moonlight at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, 8:30 in the evening.

Miss Lykken, a lovely young blonde, has made a host of friends during her residence here during the past few years while serving as cashier at the Lykken department store. Mr. Seddon is also well known, winning a host of friends through his genial and courteous bearing. He is the tennis professional at the Desert Inn.

Junior-Senior Banquet Tonight

One hundred and thirty juniors, seniors and faculty members from the high school will assemble at the Desert Inn tonight for the annual junior-senior banquet. This is the largest group from the Banning Union High School ever to participate in the affair.

The banquet will commence at 7:30 o'clock. Speakers scheduled are as follows: A toast to the senior by Stuart Elder, president of the junior class; response by Warren Pinney, Jr., president of the senior class; a toast to the board of education by Wesley Erwin, president of the Scholarship Society; response by Frank V. Shannon, president of the board of education; a toast to the faculty by Jack Plumley, president of the student body; and the response by R. A. Coverdale, principal of B. U. H. S. The Barcelonians, a ten-piece orchestra from Los Angeles, will play for the dance, which will close at 11 o'clock.

A surprise shower for Miss Adele Lynch and Kenneth Brott was given by Mr. and Mrs. Earle Strebe in their home on Tuesday evening. A large number of local people attended the affair. The popular young couple received the best wishes of their host of friends. The wedding will take place on June 1.

MISS BEVERLY BRYAN ANSWERS LAST SUMMONS

Miss Beverly Bryan, beloved local young woman, passed away at a hospital in San Bernardino at three o'clock, Thursday morning, May 16.

While her death was not unexpected, the announcement of her passing was a crushing blow to the relatives and host of friends who loved her dearly. She was 21 years of age.

Bright and talented, Beverly held a place in the hearts of all with whom she came in contact. They will miss her more than words can express.

Local business people, all friends of Miss Bryan, raised a fund of \$60.00 within a few hours yesterday morning for a casket blanket of roses. Every person who was contacted contributed to the fund, and expressed a desire to offer a token of love in memory of the girl. Many others who have left for the summer would have contributed had they been here.

Surviving are her father, James Bryan of Palm Springs; mother, Mrs. Jeanette Jordan of San Bernardino; sisters, Mrs. Jeanette Taylor and Mrs. Leo Thayer, also of San Bernardino; brother, Douglas Bryan of Palm Springs.

Funeral services will be held at the Woodhouse funeral parlors in San Bernardino, Saturday, May 18 at 10 o'clock a. m.

CAROL BONTE AND MRS. CHUCK MORRISON TO OPEN BOOK AND ART SHOP HERE

Miss Carol Bonte, who has operated a circulating library in the Hannahs building the past two seasons, and Mrs. Chuck Morrison, wife of the western screen actor, have formed a partnership, and will open a greatly enlarged book store and art shop early next season.

A much larger stock of books than that carried by Miss Bonte in the past will be on the shelves at all times for the circulating library. They will also carry a complete stock of art supplies and stationery.

HAROLD BROWN TAKES OVER WATSON'S PHARMACY IN BANNING; OPERATES HERE

Harold A. Brown, owner and manager of El Paseo Pharmacy, has taken over Watson's Pharmacy in Banning, and will operate that store in connection with his local drug store.

Mr. Brown will be in personal charge of the Banning store during the summer, while Charles Adams, also a registered pharmacist, will remain here during the summer.

Harry Watson, proprietor of the Banning drug store, has been forced to retire for a few months because of ill health. The store is located on a main corner, opposite the J. C. Penney department store in Banning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed gave a farewell party this week for David Fife, who spent the season with them. The party took the form of a wienie bake, which was held at the old rodeo grounds. Fife has been employed this season in the Bank of America. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bunker, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Misner, Fred Ingram, Phil Polletti, Miss Georgia Bossard, Mrs. Fred L. Cook of Beverly Hills, Mrs. Margaret Fife (Mr. Fife's mother), Miss Helen Baruth, Mrs. C. C. Neel, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Biavache.

A. L. Fleming, manager of horse shows in the fashionable centers of the coast, will be here next week to work out details for a horse show to be held here next April. Tentative plans are for a horse show to begin on Tuesday after Easter, and continuing for a week. Tom Mangin, manager of the Riverside Polo Club, will probably manage polo here next season, on the new desert circus grounds.

Earl Coffman, Earle Strebe, and Cliff Frager made a trip to San Diego on Monday and Tuesday of this week. On their way they visited the Santa Margarita and Santa Ynez ranches.

Shirley Temple, diminutive screen star, together with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Temple, has returned to her home in Santa Monica after a two weeks' stay at the Desert Inn.

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MISS FINCHY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE A.A.U.W. FRATERNITY

The A. A. U. W., of San Geronio Pass and Palm Springs, ended its activities for the present season at a meeting held Saturday afternoon at the Banning Woman's club house.

Special guests were the senior girls of the Banning Union and Beaumont High schools.

Mrs. H. W. Dill, president, presided over the business meeting.

Miss Katherine Finchy, of Palm Springs, was chosen to succeed Mrs. Dill as president. Mrs. Chester Hendricks, of Banning, will be first vice-president and membership chairman; Miss Thelma Rietzke, of Banning, second vice-president and program chairman; Mrs. Russell Adams, of Beaumont, recording secretary; Mrs. Glenn McKinney, of Palm Springs, corresponding secretary; Miss Dorothy West of Beaumont, treasurer.

Mrs. Dill welcomed the girls of the high schools and introduced Mrs. A. V. Linkletter, of San Geronio shops. Mrs. Linkletter, with a group of high school girls modeling for her, staged an artistic fashion show. Desert and beach togs, sports, morning, afternoon, and evening frocks of many different styles and lovely colors were shown by Misses Jean McFee, Vivian Carroll, Katherine Hopper, Fay Robinson, Nadine Generaux and Ellamote Sanders. Mrs. Sewell, Mrs. Linkletter's assistant, was at the piano playing modern popular songs during the display.

The high school string trio, Misses Helen Huff, Marjorie Combs and Agnes Stiasny, played "Medley of Old Songs" and "Kiss Me Again." The young ladies are very talented.

Mrs. R. W. Stephens, program chairman, and her committee, Miss Rietzke and Miss Maxine Glass, arranged a most interesting exhibit of crafts, arts, and avocational products of the members. Crocheted rugs, quilts of lovely pattern, knitted suits, sweaters, berets, pillow tops, an afghan, a lovely gipsy wall panel, pottery, amateur photography trays, a baby's sun suit, a puffed pillow quilt, baby dresses, bridge set, wood prints, pastel pictures, lovely silhouettes of wrought iron, wood carving and scrapbooks made by small children, a handsome wrought iron lamp, and a display of newspaper clippings made up the exhibit.

ANCIENT LIFE TRACE FOUND NEAR BARSTOW

Six new species of ancient life forms revealing new information on geological geography of Southern California have been discovered by two University of Southern California geologists.

A half-billion years old, the fossils were discovered in the Marble Mountains east of Barstow by Dr. John H. Bradley, professor and John Mason, U.S.C. graduate geologist. Twenty species of the life forms, known as Cadiz fauna, were uncovered.

Importance is attached to the discovery, because it indicates that a sea of middle Cambrian geological age extended all the way from Greenland to Southern California.

The fossils are small in size. In appearance they resemble the common potato bug of today, although larger. Some of the specimens are three-quarters of an inch wide and two inches long. The potato bug is a distant relative of the Cadiz fauna, according to the geologists.

Life forms such as have been discovered by the two geologists were carried to Southern California by the great Greenland sea. They are the most primitive forms to have existed on the face of the earth.

STATE PLANS DRIVE ON THE BOOTLEGGERS

California bootleggers dealing in untaxed liquor are to be the object of an intensive campaign in the near future.

This was revealed following a conference at Sacramento at which methods of "cracking down" on the illicit liquor dealers was discussed. The meeting was attended by Governor Merriam, H. N. Graves, assistant to the secretary of the treasury; James Maloney, supervisor to the fourteenth district of the federal alcohol administration, and members of the state board of equalization.

Much of the liquor sold in this state is not being taxed, Chairman Ray L. Riley of the equalization board said.

SACRAMENTO LETTER...

(By Assemblyman John Phillips)

Sometimes I wonder what our friends in the gallery think of this session, and of us. If they come in during the discussion of an important measure, they probably would agree that we are a more or less normal legislature, with all the weaknesses of any group of 80 citizens. If they come in on a day when we are considering non-controversial measures, by agreement, and especially in some moment of reaction from the more serious matters, then they see us playing with the voting system, asking questions that we think are humorous and, in general, getting a modicum of relief from the strain of the other days. If they are unfamiliar with legislative methods and see only the floor work, and the actual debates on bills, how different will be these opinions as compared with those of spectators who know of the committee work, the subcommittee work, the conferences, the preparation of amendments and all the routine procedure through which a bill goes before it reaches the floor, and where experience and confidence of the other members are such valuable assets. I have been wondering today what the citizens of California must have thought who listened Friday afternoon and evening, of the four hours of debate over the Geyer amendment to the bill which in itself made progressive changes in the present teacher tenure law.

This amendment (previously refused in committee), was an effort to strike out of the tenure law those provisions which give, as one ground for dismissal, violation of the criminal syndicalism act. It brought out into the open all the fight for and against the act itself and perhaps it was a good thing we had it, for it stirred up undercurrents that have been murmuring for weeks, and we are better to have it out of our system!

But it was the most spectacular debate of the session, or many sessions, I guess. The relation of the teaching profession became a minor matter. Incidentally, the group proposing the amendment is a small group, totaling only about 5 percent of the teachers of California, and perhaps not entirely united among themselves on this matter. Whatever they may think of this provision of the tenure law, as individuals, or whatever you and I may think of it, the overwhelming majority of the teachers of the state have the wisdom not to bring up such a proposal now. I am one of those who feel that the teachers of this state, as a group, can have the entire confidence of its citizens, in handling the very difficult situations that are developing as a result of present trends in America. I feel that those teachers who presented this amendment, and those who opposed such bills as the one requiring an oath of allegiance, or what they conceive to be an abridgement of freedom of speech or education (apparently in most cases, without reading the actual bills) either do not accurately represent the profession, or have permitted theory to influence better judgment.

But it was a Roman holiday for the Assembly — revolution, Communism, Socialism, the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, this government and other governments, the red flag and the American flag—all united to give us an evening that will be long remembered. Assemblywoman Eleanor Miller of Pasadena, who rarely speaks, was stirred to give us one of the most eloquent and moving appeals ever delivered on the floor of this Legislature.

Assemblymen Lyon, Cunningham (author of the bill), Williamson, Morgan, and many others showed the caliber of their abilities. I suspect that the names of those on the other side have no place in this letter. Aside from all eloquence, the evening was significant, and showed us not only the strength of the underlying currents of the present time, but showed us the strength of the form of government under which we operate, and the foresight of the inalienable rights guaranteed under this form.

Friday was Miss Miller's day, in more ways than one, for we recessed at 11 o'clock to hold a very beautiful and interesting Mother's Day ceremony, under her direction. I appear to have a reputation for opposing these "weeks" and "days"—by which we seem to think we can legislate law observance, patriotism, or the other virtues, into our people, but this is one day with which I am wholly in accord.

The two days preceding were given for the most part to the debate on the Prorate and the Triple A bills, both of which passed in the amended forms recommended by the committee on agriculture. One of my Riverside friends sent me a two page telegram opposing the Prorate bill and listing his reasons, and practically every reason was a good argument for the pas-

Hits and Misses

(Harvey Johnson)

Strawberry shortcake is having its "inning." The verdict is unanimous in its favor.

Pick up the daily paper Monday morning and realize the danger to life and limb, which the motor car presents.

We don't know how this bonus agitation will end, but it is a harvest for the telegraph companies.

Now that the dime chain-letter craze has subsided let's take up horseshoe playing, or build a few miniature golf courses.

This controversy regarding Mae West's purported marriage is getting serious and it may lead to civil war. If Mae has been married she ought to be able to recall the circumstances. Miss West, husky voiced blonde of the movies, was unmoved when informed that Frank Wallace, New York vaudeville dancer, plans to file a court action demanding that she prove she is not his wife. "That's up to him," Miss West said. "I haven't anything to prove. He claims he's married to me, let him prove it."

Lyman King, who is an expert along many lines, comments in the Redlands Facts on Miss West's case, saying:

"Mae West is being sued in New York court by one Frank Wallace, a stage dancer, who alleges Mae married him back in the gay nineties, or somewhere or sometime, and that she illegally divorced him in 1915. Mae denies that she even married him, and of course, did not have to divorce him. Wallace has a marriage license record in which Mae gave the names of her parents, which, singularly enough, are the same names of the blonde siren's real, sure-enough parents. And Wallace wants alimony. This alimony business, long a racket by the female gender, is spreading to the other side of the house. But perhaps Mae didn't marry Wallace—merely told him to 'cmon up sometime.' And presumably he went and thought he got married."

COUNTY MAY SELL FORMER MELLEN RANCH

Riverside supervisors have offered to buy Imperial county's share in the tri-county farm on the basis of \$1500 total valuation, or to sell at the same figure.

Years ago Imperial bought a third interest in a foothills property near Beaumont. The plan was to use it as a tuberculosis sanatorium.

The ranch is located five miles north of Beaumont. Years ago it was owned by the late Tom Mellen, one of the very early settlers of San Geronio Pass. The place became famous for its high quality fruits, and Mellen's products took prizes at the world's fair at Chicago in 1893.

sage of AB 915, for the very things he objected to were the things we are attempting to correct in the bill. The bill goes to the Senate for committee hearings there, and the Triple A bill, SB 353, goes back there for concurrence in our amendments.

Between times we taxed some pipe lines, passed the truck regulatory bill, discussed Mr. Mooney some more, put through a few welfare bills, and a lot of other bills.

Somebody started a deluge of letters and petitions opposing an ad valorem tax. O.K.—I've steadily opposed that, as you know, and this evidence of interest will help, but don't forget that there isn't any BILL, as the letters say. There doesn't need to be one. If we fail to raise enough revenue from other sources, and go home, an ad valorem tax would be automatic, up to the limitation of 25 percent of the budget, set in the Riley-Stewart act, last session.

Our neighbor, A. B. Miller, of Fontana, was up for the meeting of the state board of agriculture, and the chairman of the various agricultural committees had the pleasure of taking lunch with the board and the Governor on Thursday. Several visitors from the county, A. Heber Winder, Supervisor Ed Talbot, and "Jimmy" Jordan, got in just under the wire before adjournment Saturday, but it was good to see them even for so short a time.

Order The Desert Sun now and have this newspaper follow you wherever you go this summer.

PRISON CAMP AT KEEN KAMP WILL HOUSE 125 MEN

Supervisor Ed Talbot of Perris, who represents Fifth district, says the new county road camp now under construction near Keen Kamp will be one of the best equipped and up-to-date establishments of its kind in Southern California. Mr. Talbot is chairman of the prison camp committee.

Work on rebuilding the camp and moving the equipment from the old Dripping Springs site is expected to require another month, he said.

Erection of the first "cage," as the cell units are termed, is underway now and will be completed within a week. At that time a larger crew will be moved to the new site from Dripping Springs and will be put to work constructing the other buildings, which will include additional cages, a mess hall, superintendent's quarters, a unit for the junior offenders and guards' quarters.

Supervisor Talbot is particularly pleased with a cage unit purchased by the county recently from San Diego county supervisors for \$800, complete with beds. The unit cost \$2800 new, he said.

The juvenile department of the camp is to be located more than 200 feet from the adult quarters, and the youthful offenders will have a separate part of the mess hall. They are kept separated from the older prisoners at all times to prevent their coming under bad influences. Youths are committed to the junior camp by the county juvenile court.

Several improvements in facilities of the camp are being made at the new site, most of them planned with a view to bettering the living conditions of the prisoners.

The buildings are constructed of sheet iron. The iron cages are set in concrete. Quarters for more than 125 men are being provided at the new camp.

Once established in the new location, the road camp crews will be put to work constructing the upper portion of the new Banning-Idyllwild highway. It is believed this work will be started well before the start of the fiscal year, July 1.

It is reported that bunk houses and dining room will be built at the Cabazon portal of the San Jacinto tunnel to replace the structures which were destroyed by fire some months ago.

BLACK WIDOW IS VICTOR IN FIGHT WITH CENTIPEDE

When one deadly insect, a black widow, meets another deadly insect, a centipede, in combat the pugilistic abilities and implacable natures of the contestants are revealed, according to those who witnessed a fight to the finish at Brawley.

A large centipede, measuring about four inches, was first seen and then was noticed a black widow spider approaching the victim, apparently maneuvering for an attack. Several hours were consumed before the spider finally dashed at the invading foe.

The struggle was begun and relentlessly continued for about five hours until the centipede lay dead, the spider the victor in the death dealing battle—but not for long the conquering hero. A similar fate was meted out to the successful combatant by the witnesses.

MOVIE COMPANY AT BERDOO CAMP

With Berdoo Camp and its several hundred aqueduct workers as atmosphere, the George O'Brien Production company, of R-K-O studios is shooting sequences for a new picture. Under the working title of "Hardrock Herigan," the picture deals with the adventures of a hard-rock miner who is as hardboiled as his name implies. George O'Brien and Irene Harvey are starred in the picture.

C. C. Cavanah of Snow Creek will leave this week on the Southern Pacific on a trip East. He will visit Buffalo and Detroit. At the Michigan city he will pick up a new Ford and drive it to California. On the return trip he will stop over at Kingsland, Ark., to visit relatives.

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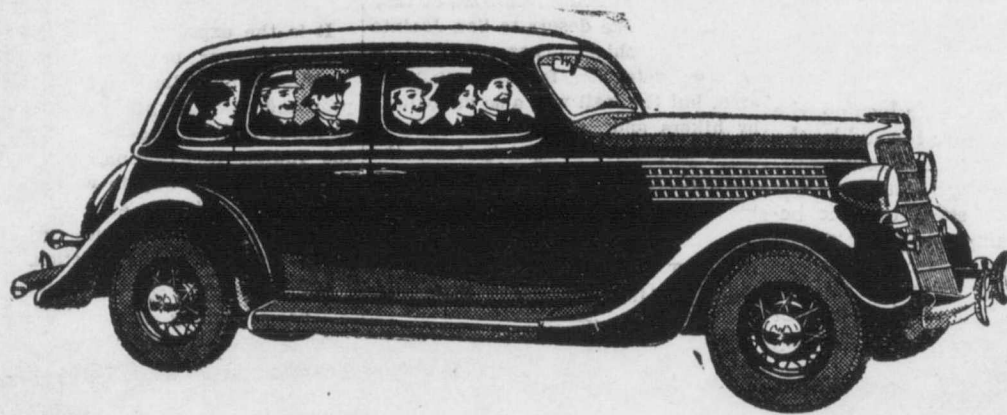
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GRAND JURY TO HEAR
INDIO CITY COUNCIL

Members of the Indio city council are reported under subpoena to appear at Riverside Friday before a committee of the grand jury investigating vice conditions in the Coachella Valley town.

Questioned regarding the report, District Attorney Earl Redwine admitted that subpoenas were placed in the hands of a deputy sheriff to serve.

The report said the summons were served on the Indio city officials by Deputy Sheriff Lee Smith of the Coachella valley detail of the sheriff's office.

The grand jury investigating group has questioned other Indio city officials since the far-reaching inquiry was begun recently following a raid by a force of 50 officers on alleged gambling halls and houses of ill-fame. The large vice squad was directed by the county prosecutor.

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BEAUMONT HARVESTS CITRUS

Beaumont has harvested its main citrus crop—a 20-year-old grapefruit tree at 3,000 feet elevation, on the J. H. McGee ranch. With exception of a blizzard of two years ago, which brought a killing frost, the tree never has been frosted, and each year has produced an exceptionally well-flavored fruit. Many people are of the opinion that oranges and grapefruit could be grown successfully in San Geronimo Pass.

A. W. Stark, well known and popular winter resident of Palm Springs, is remaining in the village for a little while longer before leaving for Milwaukee, Wis., where he has extensive real estate interests. Mr. Stark enjoys the Palm Springs seasons and looks forward to the time when he will leave the cool of the Wisconsin autumn and return to the village.

The members of the British House of Commons must remove their hats when coming in, going out, or making a speech. In short, whenever they are on their feet the hat must be removed. But when seated hats are worn.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The seniors are making "Growing Pains" a real show. The play is full of action and those in charge of ticket selling expect to sell the house out for the performance on May 24.

Diplomas have been ordered for forty-three seniors, speakers have been provided for baccalaureate and commencement, the music is being prepared and the valedictorian and salutatorian are at work on their speeches. Eleanor French, of Palm Springs, is this year's first student. Wayne Fiddler ranked second in point of scholarship for the class of '35.

Now comes Elsinore, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto—all schools in the Riverside County League, with a pronouncement that they will withdraw from the league and form one of their own if they are compelled to drive to Coachella for athletic competition. They declare the distance is too great; that the boys who play football lose too much time from school; that basketball teams get home too late at night, and that the expense offsets the income. This is a contention that patrons of B. U. H. S. often make, and quite properly so. But—the question of distance cannot be averted, and if inter-school competition is to continue, the inconvenience must be endured. Coachella retorts that her athletes are entitled to competition with other schools and asks where she is to get it if not in her own county. The schools of the R. C. L. voted her out of the league some two months ago. Banning being the only one at the time who voted for her retention. Beaumont, while not voting on the question, is willing to play Coachella either at Beaumont or Coachella. Coachella appealed from the R. C. L. decision to the California Interscholastic Federation and was put back in the R. C. L. by that body. The final meeting of the R. C. L. will be held at Coachella, this Monday evening, at which time interesting discussion is anticipated.

Tennis tournament Saturday! The boys from the county schools go to Riverside J. C. and the girls to Hemet. Boys' singles representatives from B.U.H.S. are Harry Reid, Gene Burson, Joe Henderson, and Bob Chambers. Girls' singles teams are Georgene Hicks, Jean Fulford, Muriel Lindstrom, and Doris Lynn. Doubles teams are: Warren Pinney and Leslie Burnside, Stuart Elder and Walter Andrew; Helen Janssen and Barbara Fay Brown, Kathryn Hopper and Vivian Carroll.

"Elmer" is the name of a play the graduating group from Palm Springs will stage before the student body at tomorrow's assembly. All of the eighth grade group will come up with the regular high school students on the buses tomorrow morning. Miss Katherine Finchy will come with them.

Objective tests are being administered by the office to the classes almost daily. The results of these examinations tend to corroborate the judgments of teachers in the final grades, they show the weaknesses of individual students, standardize the work, and measure the year's achievement. A further reason for giving them is to acquaint the students who go to college with test procedure so that they will meet their fellow students on a par at testing time.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY
TO BE REPRESENTED
AT S. D. EXPOSITION

That Riverside county will be represented with an exhibit at the San Diego exposition was assured by action of the board of supervisors, which agreed to finance such a display at a cost of not more than \$3500 up to July 1.

The need for immediate action, as to whether the county is to participate in a possible tri-county project, was stressed by the committee appointed by the board to investigate the matter of placing an exhibit.

The motion, made by Supervisor R. W. Stanfield, carried unanimously, as did a second motion, offered by Supervisor E. C. Talbot, authorizing the Riverside Chamber to place the exhibit for the county, with the understanding that the exhibit committee continue to act in an advisory capacity.

Davis explained that the committee has not been in a position to get action for an exhibit that would include Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties, and would not be able to do so without definite action by the Riverside county board.

The committee estimated that it would cost the county \$6000 to install and maintain for a period of 10 months an individual exhibit. With the cooperation of the other two counties, it was estimated, Riverside county's total expenditure would not exceed \$3500.

TAX ON AUTO "CARAVANS"
WINS ASSEMBLY FAVOR

A bill taxing automobile "caravans" as a means of stopping asserted "unfair competition" and the transportation of unemployed into California was on its way to the senate yesterday, having received a favorable vote in the lower house.

The bill proposes a tax of \$25 per car on automobiles brought into California by the "caravan method."

Femco Farms at Breckenridge, Minnesota, owned by Frederick E. Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune, produces the new U. S. butter champion, Femco Johanna Bess Fayne, a Holstein cow, the only one that ever made two one-year records of more than 1,500 pounds of butter. In 335 days Bess gave 1,525 pounds of butter, or 32,727 pounds of milk, equal to 4 1-4 pounds of butter or 45 quarts of milk a day. Bess helps with the paper, too. Occasionally she produces an extra pound of butter to make news.—Redlands Facts.

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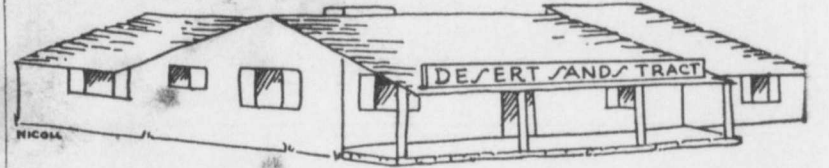
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At least two automobile wrecks are reported to have occurred recently on Highway 99, according to State Traffic Officer Chas. D. Gandy.

A car driven by Phyllis Wilcox of Los Angeles was overturned two miles east of Cabazon, Saturday night. With the driver were Chauncey Hart of Riverside, Doris Humphries of Los Angeles, and Ed Knick of Beaumont. Another car crowded the driver's car off the road, it was reported. Mr. Hart and the two ladies received painful injuries. Knick received lacerations of the hand and other injuries.

Early Tuesday morning automobiles driven by Chas. Boyer of Los Angeles and C. A. Potts of the same city crashed head-on three miles west of Beaumont. Riding with Potts was H. L. Addison of Los Angeles. All were painfully injured.

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On the 29th day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, before me personally appeared John Clay Rapp, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

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Latest News of The Aqueduct

The excavation of the aqueduct's longest tunnel, the 18.3-mile East Coachella bore, entered its final stages at 9:23 on the evening of May 1, when crews holed through between Berdoo and Pushawalla. Completion of excavation on the Berdoo-Pushawalla section of the tunnel leaves about two miles to drive. Of this, 9,323 feet lie between Berdoo and Fargo, and 1,148 feet is at the bore's west portal, and is being driven from Pushawalla. Eight headings were worked at the start of the job—two each from adits at Yellow, Fargo, Berdoo and Pushawalla camps. The May 1 hoing through leaves only three headings. Hunkin & Conkey crews in Hayfield Tunnel No. 1 launched the pouring of concrete lining, west from the adit, on April 19. Easterly from the adit, the work of cleaning the tunnel preparatory to pouring concrete is going forward.

Aqueduct work near Banning was inspected recently by delegates attending the convention of the Southern California League of Municipalities. Also included in the convention program were motion pictures showing construction on the project.

With 6,720 men on the job between Los Angeles and the river, Colorado River Aqueduct employment reached a new high.

VIRGIL A. TUMMONS IS SENTENCED TO ROAD CAMP

Virgil A. Tummons, who painfully injured two men when he smashed a beer bottle and pitcher over their heads in a Cabazon cafe, was sentenced in the superior court to six months at the county road camp. He was charged with assault likely to result in great bodily harm.

He was placed in a year's probation with the road camp term as a condition of probation.

When Special Officer Bert Jost intervened to maintain order, Tummons smashed a beer pitcher over his head. Both men were badly cut. The officer and others in the room subdued Tummons and sent him to jail. He pleaded guilty to the charge in superior court and applied for probation. He has a wife and child.

TROPICAL DISEASE MOVES NORTHWARD

San Francisco—A much-feared tropical disease, widely disseminated throughout portions of Africa, has now been encountered in the highlands of Guatemala and southern Mexico. A definite northward trend of this disease has compelled far-reaching defense measures to prevent it from invading the United States. The disease is known as Onchocercosis, a parasitic malady which, in its advanced stage, may cause blindness and other serious complications. Although there are no known cases in California, the Buffalo gnat and related simuliid insects of the high Sierra and other elevations in the state, are known to be potential carriers of the disease.

The stricken black slaves from the African forests, with their nodule-covered heads and bodies, probably introduced this tenacious African disease into the New World. While the disease is not necessarily fatal and may be cured or checked by surgery in the lighter cases, it can cause blindness, delirium, convulsions and other complaints. The problem of control is greatly aggravated by the fact that the insect carriers hatch in swiftly running streams at high altitudes.

The Hooper Foundation for Medical Research of the University of California and the Pacific Institute of Tropical Medicine, within the Foundation, are closely watching the creeping northward course of this disease, and it is being as closely observed by other medical centers throughout the United States. The movement of Mexicans across the border, particularly those from the states of Chiapas, Oaxaca and Guerrero where the disease is now established, is being given particular attention.

A recent bulletin on Onchocercosis, prepared by Dr. Herbert G. Johnstone, and Dr. Albert F. Larsen of the Pacific Institute of Tropical Medicine in the University of California, details the history of this disease in North America and draws the following conclusion:

"The numerous Mexican immigrants in the United States provide an opportunity for the presence of a carrier of Onchocerca caecutiens. This may lead subsequently to the contamination of our own simuliid species. If this occurs, a case of the disease is sure to make its appearance sooner or later, and once present it is difficult to eradicate."

PLAIN FACTS REGARDING THE SANITARY DISTRICT

(Continued from First Page)

less on a reasonable interest bearing basis. In fact, we have assurance at this time that we can readily dispose of the bonds not exceeding \$35,000.00 on at least a 5 percent basis and possibly less.

A bond issue of \$35,000.00 will result in an assessment over a 40 year period of approximately 16c per \$100.00 assessed valuation, or \$1.60 per thousand dollars assessed valuation. Certainly this amount will not create any unreasonable burden upon any home owner in Palm Springs; and is a reasonable amount to pay for the assurance of proper sanitary regulations. As the village grows and new homes are constructed, the tax rate will naturally be reduced so that as a matter of fact, the present property owners in Palm Springs will actually pay less than the amount above stated.

The annual cost of the operation of the sanitary district should not exceed the sum of \$1,800.00 per year and will possibly be less. Based on the present assessed valuation of the district of \$1,120,000.00, this would amount to less than 20c per \$100.00 assessed valuation or \$2.00 per thousand.

We will mail you a statement by members of the Sanitary Committee which has been published in the local newspapers and which we respectfully ask that you read carefully. We will also enclose a card stating that you approve of the formation of the district which we would respectfully ask that you sign and return immediately in order that we may assure the board of supervisors that the property owners of Palm Springs are desirous of the formation of this district.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SIGNED A PROTEST against the formation of the district, YOU NEED NOT HESITATE to return the enclosed card as it will be filed with the board of supervisors with the explanation that upon a further understanding of the whole matter YOU HAVE DECIDED NOT TO PROTEST against the formation of the District.

We earnestly believe that the formation of this district is imperative at this time. That it will be for the general benefit and interest of all the residents of Palm Springs, and that the cost thereof will not be an undue burden upon any property owner in the village. We respectfully solicit your cooperation in this matter, and we will be pleased to receive the same from you.

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Herman Reinecke, manager of the Palm Springs Furniture Company, together with F. E. Dine, employee of the company, and Mrs. Dine, made a trip Sunday along the line of the Colorado River aqueduct. The trio drove as far as Whipple City on the Colorado river, the site of one of the large construction camps. They inspected several newly-installed refrigeration, power, and water cooling plants and systems.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Caldwell of Boston and Los Angeles have purchased two lots on North Palm Canyon Drive, northwest of El Mirador, and will begin construction at once on a group of apartments.

Desert Sunbeams

Miss Elenor Wittenman, hostess at the Desert Inn, will leave next week for St. Louis, Missouri, where she will attend the national convention of social executives. Miss Wittenman will represent the Inn at the convention.

Assistant Postmaster Merritt Williams reports that there will be no more Sunday mail distribution. The postoffice will be closed Saturday afternoons, also, during the summer months.

Pine Cove Lodge, located in the San Jacinto mountains, will open on May 30 with a dinner dance. Wesley Gray of Palm Springs is one of the owners of the lodge. The mountain resort has been enlarged and remodeled this spring, and a cocktail lounge has been added.

Cecil Isenagle, local manager of Tanner Motor Livery, will be stationed at Hotel Coronado this summer, where he will have charge of a garage and a fleet of taxis and limousines.

Hill Hayward, Pauline Goff and daughter, Paula Kay Hallman, visited in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Charles Adams of the El Paseo Pharmacy has purchased a new Ford V-8.

The Junior-Senior banquet will be held, Friday evening, at the Desert Inn. The juniors have invited the seniors, the faculty and the board of education. The party should number about 130.

FRUIT PRICES HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED

Growers of apricots are wondering how much like Santa Claus the canners will be this year in fixing prices to be paid for apricots.

The crop is about 30 days in the future, and prices are likely to be announced next week.

Down in Texas they are sending up bombs to bring rainfall. Whatever became of our Mr. Hatfield, the rain maker? Remember the time he set up his apparatus in San Diego after actually closing a contract with the city council there, and within 24 hours they had a cloudburst that tore out the large dam and did a million dollars worth of damage. Hatfield always waited until the drouth was long drawn out and it was just about ready to rain and then he would appear on the scene and take a chance. — Van Nuys Tribune.

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